



To Kill a Mockingbird

Literary Skills

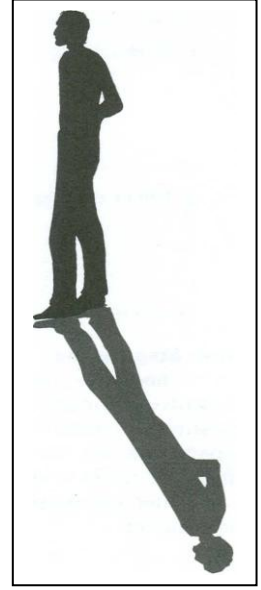
Chapters 7-9 *Foreshadowing* Veiled Visions

Throughout the first nine chapters, Harper Lee hints at events to come. The technique of giving clues to later events in a work of fiction is called *foreshadowing*.

Foreshadowing serves several purposes. First, it stirs the reader's curiosity, thus increasing interest and attention to detail. It also makes the *story* more realistic because even surprising events can seem believable if some hints have been dropped beforehand.

Take an example from Lee's book. When the children play the *Boo* Radley game, they are fearful of being caught. Therefore, it seems natural that Atticus does catch them.

By noting foreshadowing, readers can anticipate the author and be better able to understand upcoming developments in the book.



Directions

The following facts are taken from chapters 1-9. Based on the information you have, predict what may occur or how relationships may develop later in the book.

1. Atticus came to dislike practicing criminal law after his first clients were hanged.

Prediction _____

2. Scout gets into trouble on her first day of school because she can already read and write.

Prediction _____

3. Mr. Cunningham is one of Atticus' clients. Scout knows about his affairs and tries to keep Walter from being shamed in school.

Prediction _____

4. The Ewells are allowed to operate outside of the law in Maycomb County.

Prediction _____

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5. Scout and Jem receive small gifts left for them in a tree on the Radley lot. Jem's pants are neatly folded and mended when he goes back to the Radley property for them. Boo Radley slips a blanket around Scout the night of the fire that destroys Miss Maudie's house.

Prediction _____

6. Scout becomes friends with Miss Maudie.

Prediction _____

7. Scout describes Mrs. Henry Lafayette Dubose as the meanest old woman who ever lived.

Prediction _____

8. Atticus says he is certain Jem will keep a cool head in the face of upcoming events, but he questions Scout's ability to do the same.

Prediction _____

9. Atticus tells Jack that a jury cannot be expected to take a black man's word against a white man's.

Prediction _____

10. Atticus cannot understand why "reasonable people go stark raving mad" over anything concerning blacks.

Prediction _____



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One Step Further

After analyzing the foreshadowing hints in the book, make some further predictions. Be sure that you can back up your predictions with evidence from the book.

1. Scout will grow closer to _____ because _____

2. From Tom's trial, Scout will _____

3. Another result of Tom's trial will be _____

4. The title will turn out to mean _____
